

Column

Don't expect every child to be same, but rather support individual needs

Question:

My youngest daughter is easy to deal with but her sister is a handful. I try to treat them the same but it doesn't help. What can I do?

Answer:

Observe any group of children and you'll notice differences that don't necessarily relate to age or upbringing — approachable and cautious, attentive and distractible. These characteristics have to do with temperament.

Because of temperament Aman is outgoing, eager to try new things and usually cheerful. Because of temperament Becky likes predictability, has a great attention span and a more serious attitude toward life.

We arrive in this world with a particular combination of traits that can be seen as both assets and challenges.

Take, for example, activity level. A high activity level can be an asset during an all-day sports event and a challenge when long periods of desk work are required. The important thing to keep in mind is that our view of specific traits can affect how we think about and treat children.



Parenting on the Same Page

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To be sure, there are children who seem to demand more of us.

Different doesn't mean bad or good, and being fair is about meeting needs rather than treating everyone the same.

So take heart, gather information about each child's unique temperament and look for ways to build upon individual strengths and foster a positive relationship.

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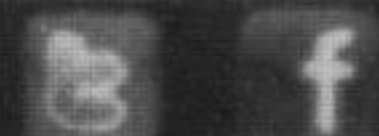
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Youth Week and more!
May 1 - 7, 2013



FREE Activities for Youth (13 - 17 years)

Date	Time	Activity	Location
May 1	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Drop-in Dodgeball	Milton Sports Centre
May 2	4:00 - 4:50 pm	Teen Stick 'N Puck	Milton Sports Centre
May 3	8:00 - 9:00 pm	Youth Swim	Milton Leisure Centre
May 4	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Skateboard Deck Design*	Milton Centre for the Arts
May 5	10:30 - 11:30 am	Youth Aquafit	Milton Sports Centre
May 6	12:00 - 1:00 pm	HOOPS	Milton Leisure Centre
May 7	5:00 - 5:55 pm	Youth Boot Camp	Milton Leisure Centre

*Register for Skateboard Deck Design by May 1 by emailing your full name to arts@milton.ca.

Additional Activities for Youth

MYAC Coffee House

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Milton Centre for the Arts, MinMaxx Hall

Cost: \$2

Light refreshments will be provided by:

Tim Hortons

Milton Transit's Youth Week Discount

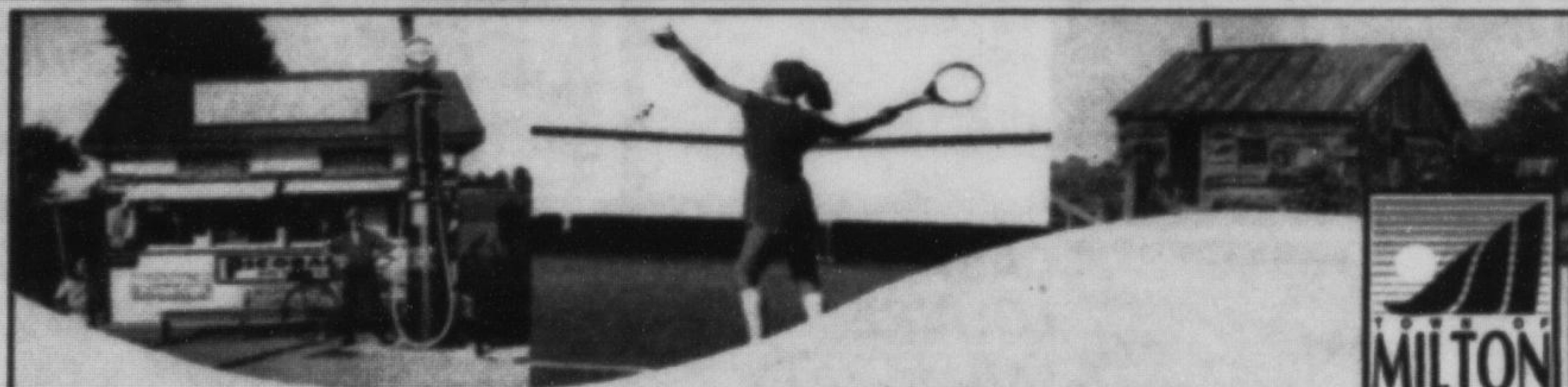
Purchase your May Student Monthly Pass and receive a 25% discount.

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Time Capsule Dedication

Nassagaweya Tennis Centre & Community Hall
9267 Guelph Line, Campbellville
Saturday, May 4, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Dedication Ceremony: 2:00 pm

Mark the dedication of a time capsule and celebrate the storied past and promising future of this site:

- Browse through displays of historical artifacts
- Learn about the past activities and people who have shaped the site and surrounding area
- Take a facility tour
- Explore the "green" features of the facility

Parking

- Available on Campbellville Rd. (see map on right)
- Limited parking available on site; please consider carpooling.

Additional Information: 905-878-7252, ext. 2537

